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1. CZECHOSLOVAKS TABLED AUGUST 26, AND ASKED FOR OUR REACTION,
A NEW GOC ARTICLE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES, TEST OF
WHICH FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: I. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ARTICLE 1

ON THE BASIS OF THIS AGREEMENT, BOTH CONTRACTING PARTIES
SHALL CREATE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION, COOPERATION IN THE APPLICA-
TION OF THE RESULTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND FOR JOINT
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL WORK AND PROJECTS.

ARTICLE 2

IN PURSUING THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN THE TWO STATES, BOTH CONTRACTING PARTIES
SHALL IN SELECTED SPECIALIZED FIELDS, ENCOURAGE IN PARTICULAR:

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A) EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS;

B) EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FILMS;

C) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN THE FIELD OF PATENTS AND LICENSES;

D) COOPERATION IN JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMS AND OTHER TASKS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THAT ARE OF MUTUAL INTEREST;

E) ORGANIZATION SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND OTHER JOINT PROJECTS;

F) ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS ON A NON-COMMERCIAL BASIS;

G) OTHER FORMS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED.

ARTICLE 3

BOTH PARTIES SHALL CREATE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR DIRECT CONTACTS AND THE CONCLUSION OF IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN APPROPRIATE ORGANS, ORGANIZATIONS AND FIRMS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES. UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY DELEGATION IMMEDIATELY CALLED ATTENTION TO THE OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO "INDIVIDUALS" CONTAINED IN OUR DRAFTS AND PROMISED BY CZECHOSLOVAK NEGOTIATOR ZEMLA EARLIER IN THE SESSION (REFTEL). ZEMLA RESPONDED BY SWIFTLY AGREEING TO THE INCLUSION OF SUCH A REFERENCE, BUT IN REVERSE ORDER FROM U.S. DRAFT. CZECHOSLOVAKS WOULD SAY: QUOTE BY PROHIBITING APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTACTS AND ACTIVITIES BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ORGANIZATIONS, ENTERPRISES, AND INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL AS SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS AND SPECIALISTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE. WE HAVE YET TO CLARIFY WHETHER THIS PASSAGE WOULD APPEAR IN SUB-SECTION ONE OR THREE. EMBASSY WELCOMES DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS RE CHANGED POSITION.

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TIONING OF WORD "INDIVIDUALS," WHICH SEEMS UNOBJECTIONABLE TO US.

3. ALSO LAPUICJ IN GOC TEXT WAS COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF FIELDS OF COOPERATION AS CONTAINED IN U.S. DRAFT WHICH STATES THEM AS "PURE SCIENCE, APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY." CZECH DRAFT SAYS ONLY "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY." WE ASKED ZEMLA ABOUT THIS OMISSION AND, AGAIN, HE READILY AGREED TO ACCEPT U.S.

DRAFT LANGUAGE.

4. EMBASSY NOTED INCLUSION OF ONE ITEM IN GOC TEXT NOT PRESENT IN U.S. DRAFT, NAMELY, REFERENCE TO "EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN THE FIELD OF PATENTS AND LICENSES." WE WOULD CZECHOSLOVAKS THAT WE HAD NO OBJECTION TO SUCH EXCHANGE PER SE, BUT THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO ASK WASHINGTON WHETHER OR NOT IT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. WE NOTED THAT AT CSCE IT WAS HANDLED UNDER "INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION". REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON THIS POINT, NOTHING THAT
U.S. PATENT DELEGATION VISITED PRAGUE IN JUNE BUT THAT NO FORMAL USG-GOC AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF PATENTS OR LICENSES EXISTS, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.

5. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT DIFFERENCES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY APPEAR RELATIVELY MINOR SO LONG AS QUESTION OF IMPLEMENTATION ARTICLE CAN BE SETTLED TO MUTUAL SATISFACTION.
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